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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1898.

THE FRENCH ARMY.

In commenting upon the dissensions that are now shaking the French republic to its very foundation, the Chicago Chronicle speaks as follows regarding that portion of the population from which the army is recruited: "At the age of every man in France is placed in the rolls from which the recruits are drawn necessary to maintain the numerical strength of the army or to increase the numbers if required. The recruits spend three years in active service—are disciplined and drilled until they become adept soldiers. They may then return to civil life, but for ten years are numbered among the reserve of the active army. They then pass into the territorial army for six years and then are in the territorial reserve for six years more. This is twenty-five years during which the recruits are bearing or are liable to bear arms. At the age of 45 they are finally discharged, but the traits of military life and discipline never disappear."

This succinct statement of the relation which the army bears to the nation at large furnishes an explanation of the hesitation felt by the authorities while considering the matter of reopening the Dreyfus case. Circumstances tend to show that the prisoner of Devil's Island was the victim of a huge conspiracy. This injustice should be wiped out even if such a course involves the destruction of the republic. Sooner or later the issues now involved must be settled by a revolution which will either overthrow militarism or else will more firmly establish its sway. Nothing can be gained by postponing the struggle. If civil authority is to control it should become something more than a name. If the army is to rule, the court martial should become the supreme court of the nation. No people can live in peace with two masters striving to govern them. Militarism or republicanism—one or the other must go in France.

NEW PHASE OF SUNDAY LAW.

Councilman Davenport, of Fort Scott, Kas., has brought forward a hitherto unrecognized phase of the Sabbath observance question. As a result of a Sunday crusade in that city, the barbers and street cars were forced to suspend operations on the first day of the week. This aroused the ire of Councilman Davenport, who professes to be unable to see why ministers of the gospel should be permitted to pursue their calling, for which they receive regular salaries on the Sabbath day, and in order to strike down what he pleased to call this inconsistency, he has offered an ordinance specifically including the ministers of the gospel in the provisions of the Sunday law.

While Mr. Davenport's ordinance raises some interesting points it is unlikely that it will ever be seriously considered. However, if it shows the good people of Fort Scott how a good thing in itself may be forced into a ridiculous and inconsistent attitude, it will accomplish some good at least.

Nearly twenty centuries have elapsed since the Christian era began. In that whole time the record fails to show the case of a single soul being legislated into the Kingdom of Heaven. It is possible to lead a horse to the water, but all the power in the world cannot force him to drink unless he feels inclined to do so.

The Philadelphia Press almanac for 1899 has made its appearance. It is a volume of over 500 pages, replete with the information that every citizen interested in the past, the present or the future of the country in which he lives needs constantly. There is no department of human activity which is not touched on. The farmer and the merchant, the clerk and the professional man may each find in it something to interest and instruct. It answers the many questions concerning the government of the United States and of foreign nations, is a valuable resume of the war with Spain, abounds with statistics from commercial and industrial pursuits, tells the story of the part played by the Keystone boys in the late war—and is, in fact, a complete cyclopaedia of the world's activities during 1898. The almanac may be had from news-dealers or by sending 25 cents to "The Press," Philadelphia.

General Corbin volunteers the information that "divine visitations" were responsible for the heavy death rate among the volunteers. Perhaps, but the General fails to state that the "divine visitations" had able allies in the War Department.

DELIGHTFULLY ENTERTAINED.

Postmaster Read Tenders a Reception to His Employees.

Postmaster Fred Read delightfully entertained the attaches of the post-office last evening at his hospitable home on Twenty-third street, tendering them a reception which they will remember as one of the most agreeable occasions in their connection with the office.

The invitation was, of course, unapologetically accepted and by nine o'clock all were present.

The menu was a work of art. It was as follows:

Cold Turkey. Chicken Salad. Celery. Baked Smithfield Ham.

Potato Salad. Cranberry Jelly. Old English Plum Pudding.

Brandy Sauce. Celery and Pickles. Cherry Wine. Roast Ham. Lemonade.

At the Hotel Ivy—W. W. Evans, Centerville, Utah; Ducey Wood, Fielding, Utah; F. S. Goodman, Old Point; C. H. Corhart, Portsmouth; William Blueford, Portsmouth; P. Benson, Joliet, Ill.; S. Bergstein, Fotsville, Pa.

At the Alleghany Inn—John B. Rodgers, Brooklyn; H. B. Craig, Syracuse; J. E. Warren, city; B. M. Nose, Ford, Va.

At the Metropolitan—J. E. Seintz, Harrisburg, Pa.; G. H. Southard, Richmond; James E. Harling, Dead Man's Gulch, Col.; C. J. Shells, Martinsburg, Va.

PHILADELPHIA RESTAURANT. Mr. John A. Lyons opened up the Philadelphia Restaurant, corner of Washington avenue and Twenty-fourth street, yesterday at noon with a dinner to which he invited a number of friends, who turned out in large numbers and enjoyed a first-class repast. The restaurant is neatly fitted up, as clean as a new pin, and starts out well. Mr. E. W. Porter will manage the enterprise and the best wishes for his success are entertained by the eating public.

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THE AFTER FRONT.

Flotsam and Jetsam of the Tide of Current Maritime Events.

Weather Forecast (By Telegraph.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Forecast for Friday, for Virginia—Increasing cloudiness and possibly light rain and much colder Friday night; fresh to brisk southerly winds. The cold weather is likely to continue until Monday.

Calendar for This Day.

Sun Rises 7:17 A. M.
Sun Sets 4:59 P. M.
High Tide 10:27 A. M. and 10:57 P. M.
Low Tide 4:15 A. M. and 4:54 P. M.

Vessels Arrived Yesterday.

Steamship Lincluden (Br.), Watley, Norfolk.
Steamship Indrani (Br.), Gilles, Glasgow.

Steamship Fernmoor (Br.), Davies, New Orleans.
Schooner Cox and Green, Boston.
Schooner Estelle Plinney, Portland.

Vessels Sailed Yesterday.

Steamship Fernmoor (Br.), Davies, Rotterdam.
Steamship Jamaica (Nor.), Brum, Port Antonio.
Steamship Carlton (Br.), Adams, London.
Barge Woodside, Boston.

At the Hotels.

At the Warwick—E. L. Richmond, Baltimore; S. E. Bernhardt, Baltimore; H. C. Poinston, Washington; Sol Levy, Baltimore; H. B. Gray, Baltimore.

At the Imperial—Blair Blanton, Roanoke; Wm. H. Tomkins, Roanoke; R. B. Felthorns, Richmond; J. C. Quintz, Ayden, N. C.; A. H. Gude, Brooklyn.

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Generous Treat to the Sick at Josiah Simpson Hospital.

There was joy among the injured and invalided soldiers at the Josiah Simpson hospital yesterday, and all the inmates of the institution shared in it.

Mr. William Baulch, of Old Point, with the aid of several ladies and gentlemen prominent in musical and church circles, tendered the sick soldiers a complimentary entertainment, consisting of vocal and instrumental music. The band attached to the fort also volunteered, supplying several numbers, under the efficient leadership of Professor Tasslin. Among the participants in the lengthy and varied program were, Mrs. John T. Cavill, of Epworth Church choir, Norfolk; Miss Alice Oliver, of Norfolk College, and members of the Artillery School Band.

Major John L. Tarnan, commandant at Fort Monroe, presided over the assemblage in the big mess hall and Chaplain Walkey made a happy address at the close of the entertainment, extending the thanks of the soldiers to Mr. Baulch and his associates in the good deed. The evening was a truly enjoyable one for the unfortunate inmates, who evidenced their delight in the unstinted applause they bestowed upon each of the entertainers in turn.

A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Baulch, the originator of the concert idea.

A Poor School. Mrs. Strongmind—I am afraid that women's college I am sending my daughter to doesn't amount to much.

Friend—It is a very famous institution.

Mrs. Strongmind—So I had heard; but my daughter has been there three years and she doesn't look or talk or act like a man yet.—N. Y. Weekly.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

LOST—On Washington avenue, between 25th street and bridge, cash and order book. Finder will please return same to Bright & Belch, 217 25th street. 12-30-1*

TWO SECOND-HAND PIANOS for sale or rent at The Bookstore, 126 twenty-sixth street. 12-30-1*

WANTED—Gentlemen boarders, beautifully furnished heated house, centrally located. Terms reasonable. 129 Thirty-second street, between Washington and West avenues. 12-30-1m*

FOR RENT—Store room 20x60 feet, second door above St. John's church, Hampton, Va. Was occupied by us as pharmacy. G. G. CONGDON & CO., Hampton, Va. 12-30-3*

WANTED—Five experienced insurance agents for Hampden and Newport News. Liberal contract. Apply "Insurance," box 153, Newport News, Va. 12-30-3*

WANTED—To buy or lease for a term of years a Livery Stable, or a building that can be converted to such a use. Address D. C. Perkins, North Brookfield, Mass. dec-28-3w.

WANTED—To buy or rent Second hand Remington Typewriter. Address "T," care Daily Press.

FOR RENT—Flat or house, for one or two persons. Apply at 210 25th street. 12-29-3*

DIVIDEND NOTICE. At a meeting of the directors of the First National Bank of Newport News, held December 23rd, a dividend of three per cent. was declared out of the earnings of the past six months, payable to the stockholders on and after January 2, 1899. J. A. WILLETT, Cashier.

Notice of Dividend. Citizens & Marine Bank. Newport News, Va., Dec. 15, 1898. The directors of this bank have declared a dividend of three (3) per cent. out of the profits for the past six months, payable to the stockholders on and after January 2, 1899. W. B. VEST, Cashier.

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Happy New Year

WE WISH TO OUR PATRONS AND THE COMMUNITY, AND WE OFFER OUR THANKS TO THE PUBLIC FOR THEIR GENEROUS PATRONAGE, AND TO SHOW OUR APPRECIATION OF THE ABOVE FACT, AND TO FURTHER ESTABLISH OUR PRICE-CUTTING RECORD, WE WILL QUOTE A FEW OF OUR MANY REMARKABLE VALUES WE ARE OFFERING, WHICH SHOULD BE GRASPED AT YOUR EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

15c. Ladies' Beaver Cloth Over Gaiters; regular value, 25c.

74c. Youths' Satin Calf Solid Leather Lace Shoes, sizes 12 to 2; regular price \$1.25

98c. Boys' Satin Calf, Dongola, Tops, Solid leather lace shoes, sizes 3 to 5-1-2, regular price \$1.50

1.24. Ladies' Genuine Vici Kid, patent tip, lace and button Shoes, very soft and flexible; regular value \$2.00

1.98. Men's Tan Russia Calf and Box Calf heavy sole lace shoes; regular price \$3.00

98c. Derby Hats in all the leading shapes in black and brown; regular value \$1.50 and \$2.00

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